

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 275  
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Lucille Meek Fair of  
Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of  
the passing of Lucille Meek Fair on March 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Fayette County, Lucille Meek Fair was an exemplary  
public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of  
life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born April 25, 1915, to Stanford Bernard Meek and Carlee Johnson Meek in  
Oxford, Mississippi, Lucille Meek was joined in holy matrimony with Norman Brooks Fair on  
December 23, 1933; and

WHEREAS, blessed with a loving daughter, Sarah Lou Fair Cooper, two beloved  
grandchildren, Mark and Sydna Cooper, and two precious great-grandchildren, Jake and  
Sydney Hurdle, Mr. and Mrs. Fair were the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always  
endeavored to treat others as they would have liked to be treated; and

WHEREAS, upon moving to Somerville in 1934, the couple began operating the Fair  
Theater in the downtown area; the theater became a Somerville institution that continued under  
the management of Mr. and Mrs. Fair for over sixty-four years until their retirement in 1998; and

WHEREAS, having developed many special relationships as the operator of the theater  
ticket office and refreshment booth for so many years, Mrs. Fair was well known for her strong  
faith, her charming sense of humor, and her cheerful outlook; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fair was a highly respected member of the Somerville community who  
was also a passionate and unfaltering supporter of civic activities; along with her husband, she  
generously hosted, without charge, many charitable and community activities that benefited the  
citizens of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Fair shall always be a part of the cherished memories of those who patronized their theater for entertainment, refreshments, and respite; and

WHEREAS, as a way of memorializing the past while providing for the future, the couple sold the theater to the Town of Somerville with the desire that the community would continue to enjoy entertainment there for years to come; and

WHEREAS, as an active and devout member of the Somerville First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Fair served faithfully for many years and involved herself in numerous activities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fair was also deeply devoted to and inspired by her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order as a dedicated wife, mother, role-model, and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fair was preceded in death by her dear husband who passed away December 19, 1999, and by her beloved parents; and

WHEREAS, always appreciative of the blessings in her life, Mrs. Fair benefited from her devoted circle of friends, her adoring family, and was grateful for her time spent playing bridge, and tending to her yard and home; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fair leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lucille Meek Fair, devoted family woman, friend, and neighbor, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her life of dedication and service to her family and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Lucille Meek Fair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

